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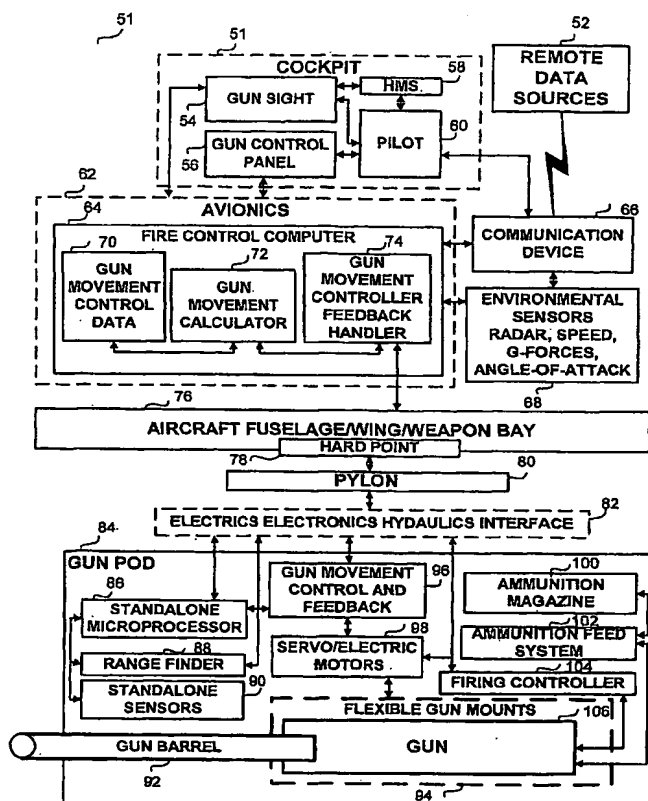
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(54) Title: GUN POD WITH ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH CONTROL



(57) Abstract: A gun pod (106), mounted on a fixed-wing aerial vehicle, stores, delivers, controls and supports a controllable movement gun unit (108). The gun pod (106) includes a flexible gun mount, gun movement actuators, gun movement controllers (96), a standalone range finder (880), a standalone processor (86), and standalone sensors (90) for capturing dynamically environmental data and for controlling the movement of the gun unit (108). The gun is provided with allowable range of movement in the elevation and the azimuth where the ranges are determined in accordance with the flight envelope of the aerial vehicle, the characteristics of the gun unit (108) and the mounting location of gun pod (106). The movement of the gun is either controlled manually or automatically.



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Continuation of Item 4 of the first sheet:

The title does not comply with PCT Rule 4.3 because it exceeds 7 words in length. The new title is "Gun Pod with Elevation and Azimuth Control".

BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

Group I is directed to claims 1-30, drawn to an apparatus for dynamically controlling the elevation and azimuth of an aerial gun incorporated within a gun pod, in class 89, subclass 37.17.

Group II is directed to claims 31-35, drawn to a method of modifying an existing gun pod, in class 89, subclass 37.19.

Group III is directed to claims 36-41, drawn to an apparatus for dynamically controlling the elevation and azimuth of at least one aerial gun unit, in class 89, subclass 41.21.

Claim 31 of group II contains special technical feature not found in group I directed to modifying the strength, diameter, and volume of the at least one gun pod.

Claim 36 of group III contains a special technical feature not found in claim 1 of group I directed to sensing and receiving remote data and sensing environment data and transmitting said data to a fire control computer to control the elevation and azimuth movement of the aerial gun unit.